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Mr. Douglas Krofta Acting, Field Supervisor, Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Department of the Interior 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 3-122 Box 50088 Honolulu, Hawaii 96850

SUBJECT: REINITIATION OF FORMAL CONSULTATION REGARDING THE

PROPOSED MILITARY RELOCATION TO GUAM (SERVICE FILE NO. 2014-

F-0025)

Dear Mr. Krofta,

Thank you for your letter acknowledging receipt of our September 30, 2014 letter and Biological Assessment for the subject action. Enclosure (1) provides the additional information you requested. I look forward to your notification letter confirming initiation of formal consultation and outlining the dates within which formal consultation will be completed.

My team is ready to work with yours throughout this consultation in a positive and deliberate manner in accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. Given the international implications underlying the subject action, it is crucial that our collaborative effort produce a Biological Opinion that will support the Navy's issuance of a Record of Decision by early next spring. With the holiday season fast approaching, I request our first formal consultation meeting no later than two weeks from your receipt of this letter, and completion of the formal consultation within the prescribed 135 days. I also request the opportunity for a seven-day review of the draft version of the Biological Opinion.

The DON's technical point of contact on this matter is Ms. Coralie Cobb, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest, at (720) 542-3085 or (b) (6) If you have any questions regarding this request please contact Mr. Randel Sablan, JGPO Environmental Director, at (671) 339-5440 or (b) (6)

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By direction

Enclosure: 1. Additional Information in Support of the Biological Assessment for the Reinitiation of Consultation for the Proposed Military Relocation to Guam

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